

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2158 - SB 2189

March 9, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires all persons applying for renewal of a funeral director and embalming license to provide proof of the completion of 10 hours of continuing education coursework during the prior license period. Authorizes licensees who have not been engaged in the practice of funeral directing or embalming for five or more years to be issued an inactive license. Requires applicant for renewal of inactive license to provide proof of continuing education, competence, and completion of refresher and orientation programs.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact - The Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers will incur one-time costs of \$10,500 which includes \$5,000 for a rule-making hearing, \$2,500 in computer updates, \$2,000 for printing and mailing notices, and \$1,000 for form modifications. According to the Board, there are currently approximately 3,000 licensees who pay biennial renewal fees of \$275 each. The Board assumes that 20 percent (600) of these licensees will apply for inactive status resulting in a decrease in revenue of \$165,000 (\$275 x 600) biennially resulting in the need to increase fees.

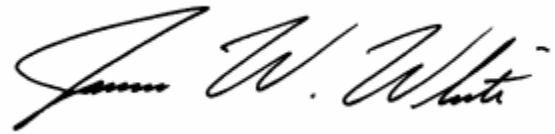
Assumptions:

- According to the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers, there are currently approximately 3,000 licensees who pay biennial renewal fees of \$275. It is estimated that approximately 20 percent (600) of these licensees would elect to obtain an inactive license which would result in a loss of state revenue estimated at \$165,000 biennially (600 licensees x \$275 renewal fee). The Board would increase fees to off-set the loss in revenue.
- The Board would incur a one-time increase in expenditures of \$10,500 which includes \$5,000 rule-making hearing, \$2,500 in computer programming updates, \$2,000 for printing and mailing notice to all licensees, and \$1,000 for license application form modification. The Board will increase fees to cover these additional expenses.

- The Board will incur recurring expenditures for investigation of requirements for renewal of inactive licenses if application is made. This cost is estimated to be not significant. Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all regulatory boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2008, the Board had a positive balance of \$177,133.45.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

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